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SUBJECT: IVORY FROM AFRICAN ELEPHANTS

REF: TOKYO 7918

1. MITI HAS MADE INQUIRIES ABOUT USFWS NEWS LETTER OF MAY 10, 1978, CONCERNING REGULATION OF IMPORTATION OF IVORY FROM AFRICAN ELEPHANTS INTO U.S. GOJ OFFICIALS ARE UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT THE U.S. WILL NO LONGER ALLOW IMPORTATION OF ANY IVORY PRODUCTS FROM COUNTRIES WHICH ARE NOT PARTY TO THE CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA. MITI WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER THIS RULE WILL APPLY TO JAPAN, A NON-PARTY COUNTRY. OFFICIALS POINTED OUT THAT JAPAN AUTHORIZES IMPORTATION OF IVORY FROM AFRICA ONLY WHEN IT IS ACCOMPANIED WITH EXPORT CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN, AND IT IN TURN AUTHORIZES EXPORTATION OF IVORY PRODUCTS BY CERTIFYING THAT RAW MATERIAL HAS BEEN LEGALLY IMPORTED INTO JAPAN.

2. SEPARATE FROM THIS INQUIRY, MITI HAS PROVIDED
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EMBASSY WITH SAMPLE FORMS OF MITI'S SPECIAL EXPORT PERMIT FOR ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA. FORMS BEAR NAMES AND SIGNATURES OF THREE MITI OFFICIALS DESIGNATED TO AUTHORIZE EXPORT OF SUCH SPECIES. THEY ARE SUSUMU HONOBÉ, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE DIVISION, CONSUMER GOODS INDUSTRIES BUREAU, MITI; MATAHIRO UEDA, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SAME DIVISION; AND

KYOICHI FUJITA, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SAME DIVISION.

COPIES OF SAMPLE FORMS WILL BE AIRPOUCHED TO OES/ENP/EN FOR
TRANSMITTAL TO DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR/USFWS.

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RESPONSE TO MIT INQUIRY

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